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The Singing Brook.

H, Singing Brook! the hillside
Is vocal with your song,
As down your rocky pathway
You gaily glide along.
You sing of happy childhood
When rippling in your glee,
You join them in your laughter,
As merry, glad and free.

Of manhood strength and freedom,
As dashing down you go,
Of progress and persistence
In your ever onward flow.
You sing of joy and gladness
When sparkling in the sun,
And then of care and sadness
When day's bright course is run.

Of peace and sweet contentment
Thro' valleys fair and green,
Of health, of hope and happiness,
Where pleasant homes are seen.
You sing to soothe our sorrows
In murmurs soft and low,
So gently lull the tumult
And banish care and woe.

You gladden rocky hillsides,
Give life to stately trees,
The tiniest flower and blade of grass,
Beasts, birds and busy bees.
In shady nooks and corners,
All fair things growing there,
The feathery ferns and mosses
Screened from the noontide glare.

You freshen all your pathway,
Make all your borders bright,
Your clear, sweet, sparkling water
To all is a delight.
In harmony with nature
You ever sweetly sing,
Have, since you leaped forth flashing
From your deep, dark *living* spring.

Wisdom and love have crowned you
With crystal, liquid life;
How wonderful your powers,
With untold blessings rife.
Go! scatter rich gifts freely,
Sing gladly all your way,
Tell *all* the *bliss* of *giving*
Can cheer life's longest day.

Show how *our* life you mirror,
From childhood to all age,
That in your song you mingle
The wisdom of a sage.
Could we but read your message,
And learn the lesson right,
Our hands would scatter blessings,
Make all life's journey bright.

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